IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert M. Vidlund et al.

Docket No.: MYO1002US

Anticipated Classification of this

application: Class Subclass

Prior Application: 10/410,279

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ENDOVASCULAR SPLINTING DEVICES AND METHODS

CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) TRANSMITTAL

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for the filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of a ☑ continuation, ☐ divisional, ☐ continuation-in-part of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/410,279, filed April 10, 2003, now pending, which is a continuation of 09/679,550 filed October 6, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,616,684, issued September 9, 2003, entitled ENDOVASCULAR SPLINTING DEVICES AND METHODS and naming as inventors Robert M. Vidlund having an address of 1811 Kennard Street, Maplewood, Minnesota 55109; Marc A. Simmon having an address of 11177 165th Avenue SE, Becker, Minnesota 55308; Todd J. Mortier having an address of 3008 Colfax Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408; Cyril J. Schweich, Jr. having an address of 1685 Hillcrest Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55116; Peter T. Keith having an address of 1477 Grantham Street, St. Paul, MN 55108; Richard F. Schroeder having an address of 5497 East Danube Road, Fridley, Minnesota 55432; and Jason Kalgreen having an address of 14820 39th Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota 55448.

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- 1. Enclosed are 34 pages of specification, 4 pages of claims (33 claims), 1 page of abstract, and 25 pages of drawings (FIGS. 1 to 38) and return addressed stamped postcard itemizing same.
- 2a.

 Enclosed is a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages) from the parent application.
- 2b.

 Enclosed is an executed Revocation of Former Powers of Attorney, New Power of Attorney by Assignee of Entire Interest, and Change of Correspondence Address (2 pages).
- Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior Application No. 10/410,279, filed April 10, 2003, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- 4. Applicants claim small entity status.
- 5. End The filing fee is calculated below.

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	7.		A check in the amount of \$502.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
	8.	X	25 sheets of formal drawings are enclosed (FIGS. 1 to 38).
	9.	×	The Assignment records in the Patent and Trademark Office indicate that the parent application 09/679,550 is assigned to Myocor, recorded at reel 013938, frame 0444.
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	11.		An Information Disclosure Statement (pages), two copies of Form PTO-1449 (pages) and copies of cited references (documents) are enclosed.
	12.	×	A Preliminary Amendment (2 pages) is enclosed.
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